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Applicant: David J. Zarbatany, et al.
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Title: ENDOLUMINAL STENT HAVING A MATCHED STIFFNESS REGION AND/OR A STIFFNESS GRADIENT AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING STENT KINK RESISTANCE
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Examiner: David Isabella
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet(s).
- ☐ **Amendments to the Abstract** are on page of this paper. A clean version of the Abstract is on page of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.